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Federal student loans offer deferments

If you're having trouble repaying your federal student loans, you may be able to apply for a deferment, according to KHEAA–Alabama.

A deferment lets you postpone paying your loans if you meet certain guidelines. You may qualify for a deferment if you are:

- Enrolled in college at least half time.
- In a rehabilitation training program.
- Unemployed or can't find a full-time job.
- Having economic hardship.
- On active duty service in the military.

If you've defaulted on your federal loans, you may not be able to get a deferment. Talk with the agency that services your loans to see how you can get out of default.

If you qualify for a deferment, you will have to submit an application. You must make your monthly payments until the agency tells you that your loans are in deferment.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

For more information about financial aid and college planning, visit www.alstudentaid.com.